

REMARKS

Claims 1-36, 38, 40, and 41 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 11, 13, 21, 31-32, and 36 have been amended as shown at pp. 2-8 of this Reply. Claim 39 has been cancelled. An Examiner interview was conducted on February 19, 2009 with Matthew Clapper (Reg No. 62,216) and Examiner Gilles. Amendments disclosed herein were presented to the Examiner and discussed in view of the 101 rejection. No agreements were reached. Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-36, and 38-41 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-36, and 38-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons. Independent claims 1, 21, and 36 have been amended herein to respectively recite at least one processor that executes computer executable instructions (or components) stored on at least one computer readable medium. It is submitted that such amendments clearly place these independent claims (and claims 2-20, 22-35, 38, 40, and 41, which respectively depend therefrom) within the bounds of statutory subject matter in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 101; and this rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP503USB].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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